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RELIGIOUS.

Elder W. H. King's Discourse on Sunday Afternoon.

MORMONISM A PHENOMENON.

Religious Truths are Dear to Human Hearts, and Men Will Make Sacrifices for Them.

On Sunday afternoon last the services at the Tabernacle were begun by the choir singing the hymn commencing, O Jesus! the giver of all we enjoy, our lives to thy honor we wish to employ; With praises unceasing we'll sing of thy name, Thy goodness increasing, thy love we'll proclaim.

Prayer by Elder George Romney. Singing of the hymn

How great the wisdom and the love; That fill'd the courts on high, And sent the Saviour from above To suffer, bleed and die!

ELDER W. H. KING, of Fillmore, in addressing the congregation, remarked that the elder who had just prayed had thanked God that the gospel had been restored. A phenomenon was presented in the assembling together of over 200,000 in the valleys of the mountains, observing the doctrines of that gospel. There is a great deal of fanaticism exhibited by the enemies of the Mormon people. The angel seen by John, the Revelator, had flown through the midst of heaven, having the everlasting gospel, and God had established his kingdom on earth. The Saints believed that God had revealed the principles to Joseph Smith, which were designed for the salvation of humanity. Mormonism is not a fantasy; it was not devised by man, but by God. The Saints differed from the world because their religious convictions were different. There must be something peculiar in Mormonism, there must be a powerful factor, in bringing people from the countries of the Old World, inducing them to leave their homes and kindred; rearing temples, educational institutions, and making the desert blossom as the rose. It was Mormonism that had demonstrated that a nation could be established by the people, and that God would be glorified. The Saints believed that the same principles taught in Jesus' day were being taught by them now. They were revealed to Joseph Smith, who received the Book of Mormon, which contained a record of the people who once inhabited this continent. That book was translated by the aid of the Spirit of God. Ancient history was fraught with references to the present day and what should transpire. The mission of the children of Israel was not filled, but was cut off according to prediction. The prophet Daniel saw the downfall of the Israelites. Other prophets saw and referred to the restoration of the gospel in the dispensation of the fullness of time. If that restoration had not taken place, when the speaker asked, would it? The sects of to-day claimed that the time for revelation was past, while the Latter-day Saints claimed and proclaimed that revelations were as necessary now as formerly and were being daily given; they bore testimony to the divinity of the Book of Mormon, which had been attested by several witnesses. The speaker briefly sketched the history of the Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-day Saints. The Prophet Joseph Smith's origin as the founder of Mormonism was looked at, and his first work in seeking for knowledge among the schisms of his day was mentioned. He went unto the Almighty; and in sincerity asked him which of the various sects was correct. The Lord and Jesus appeared to him, and revealed to him the plan of salvation. John the Baptist conferred upon him the priesthood of Adam, which should reign upon the earth for ever. By virtue of this power and authority Joseph Smith could baptize, lay on hands, bestow blessings, etc. The work spread throughout the Eastern States, until from 1830 to the present time the Saints had grown to be a great and prosperous people. What are the tenets of the Latter-day Saints? Elder King briefly stated them, as they are published as the Articles of Faith of the church. As soon as Joseph Smith proclaimed that God had revealed Himself from the heavens, the hatred and ire of the world were aroused against him, as were those of the Jews in olden times raised against the Saviour and His disciples. The persecutions of anything put forth as divine and ever would prevail. The present day Saints, Elder King was sorry to remark, did not improve upon the experiences of the past. There had been a galaxy of opposition to Mormonism since its introduction; since the promulgation of its principles there has been 10,000 calumnies to oppose them. The truth was mighty and would prevail; no matter how trampled upon, how trodden in the dust, it would rise again and shine with renewed splendor. Religious truths, more than any other are dear to the human heart, and men will make unusual sacrifices for them. The ancients were burned at the stake and suffered death in various forms for their sake. The human heart is the same to-day. Therefore, why should the world be so eager to overcome and suppress them, if not peacefully, then forcibly? The efforts of the enemies of the Saints have been unsuccessful. What was there to arouse the enmity of the world against the Latter-day Saints? The prophet Joseph taught them that the gospel in its purity had been revealed, and he went forth proclaiming its principles. He taught the world that God was a personal Being; that faith in the personality of God was a grand principle; that there was a vicarious power in the ordinance of baptism; that power was conferred by the laying on of hands; that in order to be entitled to the gift of the Holy Ghost it was necessary to obey the laws of the gospel; that the gifts and blessings, and ordinances and powers once enjoyed by the people of God were to be enjoyed by the people in this generation; that the channel of communication between fallen humanity and heaven was open and ever would be so long as the people lived according to the commandments and laws of God; that every man and woman and child of the proper age was entitled to revelation, to enable them to determine truth from error. This was something different from the world. The divines of the world deemed and preached that revelation was no longer necessary. Joseph Smith furthermore proclaimed the principle of gathering; the doctrine of work for the dead. Mormonism, in

its progress has evolved no other principles than those he promulgated; what was revealed unto him in the corpus of the church to-day. What was there in them to excite the animosity of the world against him? What was there to arouse the opposition of those of the days of the Saviour against Jesus? The same query might be asked of every reformer. The cry has ever gone forth: "Let us suppress them." History teaches us that out of every one thousand and nine hundred and ninety-nine had been wrong and but one right. Was it right for individuals or nations to array themselves against a people because they believed differently from them? He could not see anything in what they taught to call forth such unrelenting persecution. Mormonism was not born of fanaticism; it is true; it came from God, and was not generated by any other power. The similarity of the teachings of the Latter-day Saints and those of Jesus was very marked, Elder King said. The former day Saints warned the people and called on them to repent, for the kingdom of heaven was at hand so do the Latter-day Saints. The work of Jesus in his day, was the organizing of His church, and the setting of it in order; as long as His disciples and those who lived after Him, adhered to that organization they were blessed; but when they listened to the Romans, the great apostasy followed, until the candlestick, or light, of the priesthood was taken from them. The question might be asked: Why was not the gospel revealed before? God moved slowly but surely in the perfection of his plans for the restoration of the gospel. The hand of God could be seen in the records of history in the discovery of America, and the establishment of the gospel, on the 6th of April, 1830. From that day until the present, the Saints had increased in numbers and influence. They attributed its progress to the aid of God given to the leaders. They believe that only in God is their reliance and hope.

Elder King said there ought to be a respect for a people who were sincere. So long as the belief of a people did not interfere with other people's rights it should not be molested. They claimed the right to worship God according to the dictates of their conscience. If God was at the head the work would live and thrive; if of man, it certainly would fall. The principle of religious liberty he stoutly advocated. He trusted that in these mountains there would be raised up a class of people who would establish and maintain righteousness in the earth; when true men would occupy the stations which were by right theirs; when the kingdoms of the earth would become the kingdoms of our Lord and His Christ. The choir sang an anthem and Elder George F. Gibbs pronounced the benediction.

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